

cooperative association at the location of the pool plant to which delivered;

(d) Any person who operates a partially regulated distributing plant;

(e) A producer-handler; and

(f) Any person who operates an other order plant described in § 1137.7(c).

§ 1137.10 Producer-handler.

(a) *Producer-handler* means any person who operates a dairy farm and a milk processing plant from which there is route disposition in the marketing area and who:

(1) Receives no fluid milk products during the month from dairy farmers;

(2) Receives no fluid milk products during the month from any other source except by transfer from a pool plant; and

(3) Receives no other source milk for reconstitution into fluid milk products.

(b) Such person must provide proof satisfactory to the market administrator that the care and management of all the dairy animals and other resources necessary to produce the volume of fluid milk products (excluding transfers from pool plants) and the operation of the processing and distribution business is the personal enterprise of and at the personal risk of such person.

§ 1137.11 [Reserved]

§ 1137.12 Producer.

(a) Except as provided in paragraph (b) of this section, *producer* means any person who produces milk eligible for distribution as Grade A milk in compliance with the fluid milk product requirements of a duly constituted health authority, whose milk is received at a pool plant or diverted to a nonpool plant that is not a producer-handler plant within the limits set forth in paragraphs (a)(1) and (2) of this section:

(1) A cooperative association may divert for its account the milk of any member-producer from whom at least three deliveries of milk are received during the month at a distributing pool plant. The total quantity of milk so diverted may not exceed 30 percent in the months of March, April, May, June, July, and December and 20 percent in

other months of its member producer milk received at distributing pool plants during the month. Diversions in excess of such percentages shall not be considered producer milk, and the diverting cooperative shall specify the dairy farmers whose milk is ineligible as producer milk. Two or more cooperative associations may have their allowable diversions computed on the basis of the combined deliveries of milk by their member producers if each association has filed such a request in writing with the market administrator on or before the first day of the month the agreement is effective. This request shall specify the basis for assigning over-diverted milk to the producer members of each cooperative according to a method approved by the market administrator.

(2) A handler in his capacity as the operator of a distributing pool plant may divert for his account the milk of any producer, other than a member of a cooperative association which has diverted milk pursuant to paragraph (a)(1) of this section, from whom at least three deliveries of milk are received during the month at his distributing pool plant. The total quantity of milk so diverted may not exceed 30 percent in the months of March, April, May, June, July, and December and 20 percent in other months of the milk received at such distributing pool plant during the month from producers who are not members of a cooperative association which has diverted milk pursuant to paragraph (a)(1) of this section. Diversions in excess of such percentages shall not be considered producer milk, and the diverting handler shall specify the dairy farmers whose milk is ineligible as producer milk.

(3) For the purposes of the requirements of § 1137.7, milk diverted for the account of the operator of a distributing pool plant, except an operator which is also a cooperative association diverting milk in the same month pursuant to paragraph (a)(1) of this section, shall be included in the receipts of the pool plant from which diverted.

(4) For purposes of location adjustments pursuant to §§ 1137.52 and 1137.75, milk diverted to a nonpool plant shall be considered to have been received at

the location of the nonpool plant to which diverted.

(b) “Producer” shall not include:

(1) A producer-handler as defined in any order (including this part) issued pursuant to the Act;

(2) Any person with respect to milk produced by him which is diverted to a pool plant from an other order plant if the order designates such person as a producer under that order and such milk is allocated to Class II or Class III utilization pursuant to § 1137.44(a)(8)(iii) and the corresponding step of § 1137.44(b); and

(3) Any person with respect to milk produced by him which is reported as diverted to an other order plant if any portion of such person’s milk so moved is assigned to Class I under the provisions of such other order.

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EFFECTIVE DATE NOTE: At 62 FR 35948, July 3, 1997, in § 1137.12(a)(1), the first sentence is amended by suspending the words “from whom at least three deliveries of milk are received during the month at a distributing pool plant”; and the second sentence is amended by suspending the words “30 percent in the months of March, April, May, June, July, and December and 20 percent in other months of”, and the word “distributing”, effective Sept. 1, 1997, through Aug. 31, 1999.

§ 1137.13 Producer milk.

Producer milk means all skim milk and butterfat in milk produced by a producer.

(a) With respect to receipts at a pool plant for which the handler operating such plant is to be responsible pursuant to § 1137.60:

(1) Received directly from such producer; and

(2) Diverted from such pool plant to a nonpool plant for the account of the operator of the pool plant, subject to the limitations and conditions provided in § 1137.12;

(b) With respect to the additional receipts of a cooperative association:

(1) For which the cooperative association is the handler pursuant to § 1137.9(b), subject to the limitations and conditions provided in § 1137.12; and

(2) For which the cooperative association is the handler pursuant to § 1137.9(c).

§ 1137.14 Other source milk.

Other source milk means all skim milk and butterfat contained in or represented by:

(a) Receipts of fluid milk products and bulk products specified in § 1137.40(b)(1) from any source other than producers, handlers described in § 1137.9(c), or pool plants;

(b) Receipts in packaged form from other plants of products specified in § 1137.40(b)(1);

(c) Products (other than fluid milk products, products specified in § 1137.40(b)(1), and products produced at the plant during the same month) from any source which are reprocessed, converted into, or combined with another product in the plant during the month; and

(d) Receipts of any milk product (other than a fluid milk product or a product specified in § 1137.40(b)(1)) for which the handler fails to establish a disposition.

§ 1137.15 Fluid milk product.

(a) Except as provided in paragraph (b) of this section *fluid milk product* means any milk products in fluid or frozen form containing less than 9 percent butterfat, that are in bulk or are packaged, distributed and intended to be used as beverages. Such products include, but are not limited to: Milk, skim milk, lowfat milk, milk drinks, buttermilk, and filled milk, including any such beverage products that are flavored, cultured, modified with added nonfat milk solids, sterilized, concentrated (to not more than 50 percent total milk solids), or reconstituted.

(b) The term *fluid milk product* shall not include:

(1) Plain or sweetened evaporated milk, plain or sweetened evaporated skim milk, sweetened condensed milk or skim milk, formulas especially prepared for infant feeding or dietary use that are packaged in hermetically sealed containers, any product that contains by weight less than 6.5 percent nonfat milk solids, and whey; and

(2) The quantity of skim milk in any modified product specified in paragraph (a) of this section that is in excess of the quantity of skim milk in an equal volume of an unmodified product